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Torrance, California
May 11, 1937

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, May 11, 1937 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson.
Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Powell moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held April 27, 1937 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the Division of Highways, District VII, inclosing State of California warrant in the amount of \$806.64 covering invoice of the City of Torrance for expenditure in connection with highway improvement.

Engineer Leonard explained that the \$806.64 was to take care of the acquisition and settlement of the Damuth suit. He stated that there is still due the City of Torrance the sum of \$1100.80 which will be received later and will be credited to the general fund.

Communication from the Board of Education regarding the opening of the school playgrounds during the summer in Torrance.

Communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce asking that the Municipal Band participate in the Gardena Merchants' Exposition.

Councilman McGuire moved that the request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Communication from F. B. Cole requesting permission to erect an oil cleaning and topping plant on Lot 6 and adjoining property, in Tract 10185.

Engineer Leonard stated that the Export Refining Company had formerly occupied this property, and he saw no reason for declining the request.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that a permit be granted to Mr. Cole for an oil cleaning and topping plant. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from Pacific Steel Building Company regarding erection of Rio Grande Service Station and requesting rezoning of Lot 3, Block 11, Torrance Tract.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Council authorize the posting of this property for rezoning and that all necessary steps be taken.. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Leonard gave his report on the proposed rezoning of two lots in Block 64, Torrance Tract, which had been desired for a drive-in market. He stated that it seemed to be the hope of the property owners that this section would remain a residential zone, but that if a drive-in market is permitted, it is desired that it be a good type of structure.

Attorney Rippy, to whom this matter had also been referred, stated that there are ample business zones in the city, but not sufficient residential sections.

After a brief discussion, Councilman McGuire moved that the Council be appointed a committee as a whole to study the situation and report at the next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

Attorney Rippy, reporting on the request of Mr. Foster to operate a clubhouse in Torrance, stated that he had written the gentleman for further data but had not yet received a reply.

Attorney Rippy presented for second reading and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 293

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING THE
REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND REPEALING PORTIONS
OF ORDINANCE NO. 284

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 293 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1104

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT FROM SANTA
FE AND LOS ANGELES HARBOR RAILWAY COMPANY
FOR STREET PURPOSES OVER AND ACROSS A STRIP
OF LAND 80' IN WIDTH FOR THE EXTENSION OF
CABRILLO AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND RECORDING OF SAME

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1104 be adopted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1105

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT OVER PORTION
OF PACIFIC ELECTRIC RIGHT OF WAY FOR HIGHWAY
PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DEED
OF REVERSIONARY INTERESTS OF THE CITY IN
CERTAIN PORTIONS THEREOF

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1105 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1106

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$933.14
TO GEORGE R. CURTIS PAVING COMPANY FOR
IMPROVEMENT OF NARBONNE AVENUE

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1106 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1107

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1
AND REQUESTING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY
ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE
SAME IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET 1487-D

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1107 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1108

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING DEED FROM ANTON HUBER AND SOPHIA HUBER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, COVERING NORTHEASTERLY 30 FEET OF LOTS 17, 18, 19 AND 20 IN BLOCK 8 OF THE TORRANCE TRACT

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1108 be adopted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1109

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA TO CANCEL TAXES ON THE NORTHEASTERLY 30 FEET OF LOTS 17, 18, 19 AND 20 IN BLOCK 8, TORRANCE TRACT FOR THE LAST HALF OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1936-1937 AND SUBSEQUENT TAXES

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1109 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock asked Engineer Leonard what the approximate cost would be to improve Arlington Avenue from 190th Street north to 182nd Street.

Engineer Leonard stated that the work could be done for about \$200.00.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that not to exceed \$200.00 be appropriated for the improvement of Arlington Avenue between 190th and 182nd Streets. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that the street sign for Arlington Avenue had been installed as requested.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the hourly rated employees of the City be granted a two weeks vacation with pay. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson presented a letter from Taylor and Taylor, consulting engineers, regarding a survey of the water situation in North Torrance, which would cost \$275.00.

Councilman Powell moved that Taylor and Taylor be employed to make the North Torrance water survey. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented an application from the Q.R.S. Neon Corporation for a special permit for installation of a neon sign for the Western Auto Supply Company at 1273 Sartori Avenue.

Engineer Leonard stated that the size of the sign does not comply with the city ordinance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Engineer contact the Western Auto Supply Company and see if it is possible for them to make the size of their sign conform with the ordinance. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried.

Clerk Bartlett reported that a check for \$36,800.81 had been received, covering the second half of taxes, which meant that there was approximately an eight per cent. delinquency.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that the Engineering Department had given a filing cabinet to the Water Department, and that it was necessary to purchase a new one for the Engineering Department.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$35.00 be appropriated for a filing cabinet. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy called attention to the Metropolitan Water District program at the Civic Auditorium Wednesday, May 12th.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. R. F. Geardt, of North Torrance, asked for information concerning the water situation in that district and wanted to know when definite action might be expected.

Mayor Tolson stated that the survey to be made by Taylor and Taylor would be necessary before any definite decision could be reached. He also said that, as the Moneta Water Company is in the hands of a receiver, all legal aspects of the matter would have to be carefully considered.

A gentleman representing the Townsend Club requested that the Municipal Band play at their picnic on Sunday afternoon, May 23rd.

It was suggested that it might be establishing an unfortunate precedent to permit the band to play for private organizations, unless a nominal sum was paid for their services.

Councilman Deininger moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:35 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Deininger, the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, May 12, at 4:45 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Tolson
Mayor of the City of Torrance.